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Dear Mr. Parker:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Your report (pertinent portion attached) discloses a reimbursement to a committee staff member or other individual. Staff advances are considered contributions until they are repaid, are subject to the contribution limits for individuals, and are also subject to the regulations governing the reporting of debts. See 11 CFR §104.11(b). If this individual was advancing funds to the committee for the purchase of campaign materials or services, the transaction should be reported in the following manner. The advance should be itemized as a contribution on Schedule A and listed as a memo entry. If, however, the advance was paid in the same reporting period in which it was made, the filing of a Schedule A is not required. When the repayment is made the transaction should be itemized on a Schedule B supporting Line 17. If the ultimate payee (vendor) requires itemization, it should be listed on Schedule B as a memo entry directly below the entry itemizing the repayment of the advance. On future filings, please report advances as stated above. See 11 CFR §116.5 Advances by committee staff and other individuals.

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free